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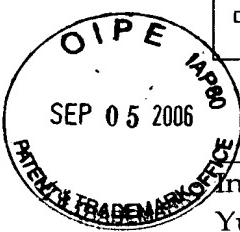
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Yuzo Yoneyama

Application No.: 10/519,496

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Examiner: Jeffrey R. West

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets and two annotated sheets.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid | Number Extra Claims Present | Rate | Additional Fee |
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| Total | 8 | - 20 = | 0 | X 50.00 | 0 |
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*not less than 20

** not less than 3

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